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**MAYOR DAVID DERMER'S CULTURAL ARTS NEIGHBORHOOD DISTRICT
OVERLAY (CANDO) MOVING FORWARD**

(Miami Beach, FL) - May 18, 2006 - Introduced at his 2006 State of the City Address, Miami Beach Mayor David Dermer's initiative to create a Cultural Arts Neighborhood District Overlay (CANDO) has quickly generated enormous interest and overwhelming support. The Mayor has recently announced the membership of his Blue Ribbon Committee formed to help guide the creation of the District.

"The Cultural Arts and all that it encompasses are helping to define the personality of Miami Beach," says Dermer, "and I am extremely proud of the investment we've already made in improving many of our outstanding venues and programs. "I am also delighted at the positive response to the concept of a District from the community," added the Mayor.

"CANDO is an exciting and positive initiative for the coming year. From marketing opportunities, incentives and benefits to attract arts related businesses, and the possible creation of affordable residential and commercial spaces for those who desire to live and work in the District, CANDO's Blue Ribbon Committee and sub-committees have several challenges ahead," says Dermer.

The District will run from 23rd Street and Dade Boulevard to the north, Lincoln Road to the south, Meridian Avenue to the west, and the ocean to the east.

The Mayor will present an agenda outline and announce the chair of his committee at the first meeting scheduled on September 12th at the Miami Beach Regional Library auditorium. Sub-committee chairs will also be named at the meeting.

All CANDO meetings will be open to the public and everyone is encouraged and invited to attend. For more information, contact A.C. Weinstein, Senior Advisor with the Mayor's Office at 305-673-7035 or email acweinstein@miamibeachfl.gov.

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